

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GLOBAL TASKFORCE 2023

Wednesday 22 February

All participants. Special focus on the networks of the Global Taskforce  
[English, French, Spanish]

During the past years the Global Taskforce has been meeting annually at a technical level, in order to define the joint work plan and align strategies of the different organization members towards international policy processes.

In the very recent years, the Global Taskforce agreed to make additional efforts to strengthen the political representation mechanisms to produce joint policy products and to enhance in depth policy dialogues. All of these tracks have been pursued with special attention towards alignment on international representation and political mobilization during 2022 and 2023 key moments.

This path towards alignment has been consolidated in the five past years through the enhancement of the Global Taskforce members and partners during thorough policy processes at the UCLG World Congress in Daejeon. It is also worth mentioning the important achievements in the acknowledgement and recognition of our work in the Climate Change Agreements, the increased momentum of the localization strategy, and the acknowledgement of our constituency through the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board of Local and Regional Governments as well as the World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments.

2023 should be the year in which the GTF continues planting the seeds for joint policy development and enhancing policy dialogue. As 2023 will include the Mid Term Review of the Sustainable Development Goals with the SDG Summit, the constituency of local and regional governments will continue to push for a consolidated united voice through the World Assembly.

### Business Session of the Global Taskforce

11:30-13:00

Members of the GTF are invited to attend all sessions. The Business Session will be looking at the GTF's joint work program and the international agenda of 2023. This session will focus on reviewing the achievements of the past years, assessing priorities and exploring upcoming milestones.



- *Renewing the multilateral system*
- *Priorities for 2023*

### **Lunch Break**

13:00 – 14:30

### **Towards the SDG Summit: transformation through local action:**

High-impact partnerships

15:00-16:00

High impact partnerships for transformation will be a critical milestone to foster innovation and impact of our movement in the coming years. As our capacity to amplify voices of the membership deepens, renewed partnerships will be critical in forging far reaching transformative visions articulated through co-creation and localization and driven by the core values reflected in The Pact for the Future.

As the 2030 Agenda enters its year of mid-term revision, the organized constituency of local and regional governments faces an unprecedented opportunity to increase the participation of local and regional governments in the achievement of the UN agenda and contribute to reinforcing the ownership of all stakeholders of Our Common Agenda. This session will explore the articulation of the strategy of the organized constituency towards the SDG Summit with high-impact partners such as UN-Habitat, the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the US State Department, to accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda through the Localization of the SDGs.

<b>Habitat Assembly and SDG 11 Review</b>	<b>SDG Summit</b>	<b>Cities Summit of the Americas</b>
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### **Launch of the Platform High Impact Localization Policies**

16:00 - 16:10

### **Business Session of the Global Taskforce**

16:10 - 17:30

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achievements of the past years, assessing priorities and exploring upcoming milestones.

➤ *The road towards the review of SDG 11 and the SDG Summit*

2023 will be a key year for the constituency of local and regional governments as it will host the review of SDG 11 at the UN High-level Political Forum and the SDG Summit which will be the mid-term review of the SDGs in light of the approaching year of 2030. The review of SDG 11 will take place alongside the review of SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation, SDG 7 on affordable and clean energy, SDG 9 on industry, innovation and infrastructure, and SDG 17 on partnerships for the goals. The constituency will ensure that all advocacy milestones taking place in 2023 contribute towards the SDG Summit to make clear that local and regional governments are committed to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and are clear actors in the fight towards leading no one and no place behind. This segment will be devoted to presenting the strategy towards the SDG Summit and its interrelation with the annual agenda of the constituency including:

<b>LRG Forum and Policy Brief</b>	<b>World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments</b>	<b>VLR-VSR days</b>	<b>HLPF and SDG11 / Localization report</b>
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➤ *Harnessing the Localization efforts of the organized constituency*

2023 will also be a year to follow up on the common milestones the local and regional government constituency has including working towards a renewed multilateral system and multi-level governance, fostering social inclusion and access to affordable and sustainable public services for all, addressing inequalities, and promoting peace and local democracy. This segment will be devoted to sharing information and priorities related to the following issues:

<b>CSW67</b>	<b>Global Refugee Forum</b>	<b>Urban 20</b>	<b>International Geneva</b>
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➤ *Fostering Ecological Transformation*

As was the case in 2022, achieving ecological transformation and combating climate change will be high on the agenda for 2023 as the nexus between the ecological transition and the SDGs will be highlighted in light of the SDG Summit and review of SDG 11. This segment will be devoted to presenting the work of the constituency

related to ecological transformation and within the framework of the LGMA and the upcoming priorities for the year:

<b>UN Water Conference</b>	<b>COP28</b>	<b>2023 Food Systems Summit Stocktaking Moment</b>	<b>Mid-term review of the Sendai Framework</b>
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### **High impact Localization Policies to Close the Gap: Future Envisioning Workshop** 17:30-18:20

This Future Envisioning Workshop will focus on bringing all Retreat participants onboard in the collective journey towards the SDG Summit that will take place in September. Through the GTF's key priority of accelerating progress towards achieving the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda as well as a just, inclusive and sustainable recovery, participants will be encouraged, through a didactic exercise, to be part of this collective commitment to share expectations and prepare bold actions towards the SDG Summit (collecting), join forces for co-creation of a joint agenda (connecting), and be ready to go further with our contributions (constructing).

A set of pitches and open floors will contribute to identifying those work lines, materials and tools that will be promoted with the same aim, as well as which synergies might arise in order to strengthen the purposes of these tools.

### **Closing and Wrap Up** 18:20 -18:30

A final recap moment will ensure strong engagement has been fostered throughout the session and will continue in the upcoming months in our joint quest to accelerate SDG localization.



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